

Central Business District Historic District Landmarks Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: January 13, 2016

Location: City Council Chamber, 1300 Perdido Street, New Orleans, LA 70112

Called to order: 10:00 a.m.

Adjourned: 11:00 a.m.

Commissioners present: Keith Twitchell, James Amdal, Wayne Troyer, John Boyd, Kevin Kelly

Commissioners arriving after beginning of the meeting:

Commissioners absent: Leslie Guthrie

I. Minutes of the December 9, 2015, meeting:

Motion: Approve the minutes.

By: John Boyd

Seconded: Wayne Troyer

Result: Passed

In favor: Keith Twitchell, James Amdal, Wayne Troyer, John Boyd, Kevin Kelly

Opposed:

Comments:

II. Consent Agenda

Motion: Approve Consent Agenda

By: Keith Twitchell

Second: Wayne Troyer

Result: Passed

In favor: James Amdal, Keith Twitchell, John Boyd, Wayne Troyer, Kevin Kelly

Opposed:

Comments:

- A. 707 Canal St: Jennifer Rowe, applicant; M & M Family Holdings, LLC, owner; Removal of exterior storefront to be replaced with wood doors, glass transoms, and stucco pilasters.
- B. 309 Magazine St: Trey Trahan, applicant; 309 Magazine St LLC, owner; Restoration of a free-standing historic facade on an otherwise vacant/empty site, repair to existing adjacent brick party walls, as well as the construction of a new 2 story single-family residential building.

III. NEW BUSINESS WORK APPLICATIONS

A. 317 Baronne Street

Application: Renovation and addition to existing buildings as a 217 room hotel; appeal of Staff recommendation against the construction of a rooftop addition on a Designated Landmark building.

Motion: Grant conceptual approval with the details to be worked out at the Staff level.

By: Keith Twitchell

Second: John Boyd

Result: Passed

In favor: James Amdal, Keith Twitchell, John Boyd, Wayne Troyer, Kevin Kelly

Opposed:

Comments:

B. 744 St. Charles Avenue

Application: Appeal of the ARC recommendation for denial of partial demolition and new construction of a 45,000 sq.ft., 5-story hotel.

Motion: Grant conceptual approval with the provisos that; the addition is setback 20'-0" from historic St. Charles Avenue, documented working sessions with the neighborhood association and Julia Street neighbors are provided to the HDLC staff and a study on Church Street is completed for unique architectural qualities that can be expressed in the new design.

By: Wayne Troyer

Second: Keith Twitchell

Result: Passed

In favor: James Amdal, Keith Twitchell, John Boyd, Wayne Troyer

Opposed:

Comments: Several neighbors spoke in opposition to the proposal. Kevin Kelly recused himself.

At this time, there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.